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8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage, of fodder, etc.

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		Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*
Prices of food grains—	Rice ...	7½	5¼ to 5½ seers per rupee.
	Ragi ...	19	9½ to 10 seers per rupee.

Agricultural operations.—Paddy under harvest.

State of standing crops.—Withering.

Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Markets are well supplied for the present.

9. *Standing crops.*—Paddy is withering for want of rain in all taluks except Devanhalli and Anekal. Sugar-cane is in good condition in Devanhalli, but is withering in the Nelamangala Taluk. Kulthi in the Nelamangala, Devanhalli and Dodballapur Taluks is in good condition. Avare and save in Kankanhalli and avare, togare and castor in the Closepet Sub-Taluk, are in moderate condition.

Crops harvested.—It is reported that first sown ragi in all the taluks, and paddy in the Devanhalli and Anekal Taluks have been harvested. Sugar-cane is being milled in the Kankanhalli Taluk.

Estimated outturn of crops.—From 4 to 12 annas in Nelamangala; from 4 to 10 annas in Channapatna; from 2 to 8 annas in the Anekal and Devanhalli Taluks and from 6 to 12 annas in the Closepet Sub-Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season are not very encouraging. No rains anywhere in the district. Food stuffs available, but their prices are reported to continue to be very high.

11. Public health generally good. But plague has broken out in parts of the Kankanhalli and Magadi Taluks. Fever and cold is subsiding in the Magadi Taluk.

12. Cattle are reported to be generally healthy. But "Dod Roga" is reported to be prevailing in some parts of the Kankanhalli Taluk and in the Bidadi Hobli of the Closepet Sub-Taluk, owing to want of fodder in some villages of the Channapatna Taluk, cattle are being taken from there to the Mudaktore forest. Fodder is insufficiently available in all other taluks. Water is generally available, except in some tracts where it is obtainable with difficulty from draw-wells.

KOLAR.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Standing crops* have been withering away throughout the district.

Crops sown.—Bengal gram in beds of tanks in Chintamani, Sidlaghatta, Goribidnur and Gudibanda.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in Goribidnur, Bagepalli and Gudibanda; samè in Mulbagal, Bowringpet, Sidlaghatta, Bagepalli and Srinivasapur; and ragi in all the taluks of the district.

Outturn of harvest.—

Sugar-cane in Bagepalli, Goribidnur and Gudibanda, yield from 8 to 12 annas.
Samè in Mulbagal, yield 4 annas.
Do in Bowringpet, yield from 4 to 8 annas in parts.
Do in Bagepalli, do 2 to 6 annas.
Do in Sidlaghatta, do 1 to 2 „
Do in Srinivaspur, do 1 to 2 „
Ragi, yield from 2 to 6 annas throughout the district.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Food stuffs available, but their prices continue to be very high.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Sidlaghatta, Chikballapur and Malur Taluks and small-pox in parts of Mulbagal, public health generally good.

12. It is reported that Rinderpest is still prevailing in parts of Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta, Goribidnur and Gudibanda. Water and fodder sufficient for the present.

TUMKUR.

8. Supply in market moderate.

9. *Standing crops.*—Dry crops, such as avare, togari and horse gram are reported to be withering for want of rain. Wet crops under wells in the Maddagiri, Sira and Pavagada Taluks are in fair condition.

Crops sown.—Cholam and Bengal gram in the Maddagiri, Sira and Pavagada Taluks and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk; paddy in the Maddagiri and Pavagada Taluks and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk; Bengal gram in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; and wheat in the Pavagada Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Ragi in all the taluks, except the Pavagada and Kunigal Taluks; cholam in the Maddagiri Taluk; horse gram in the Chiknayakanhalli, Gubbi and Pavagada Taluks and the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks; and paddy in the Gubbi Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Food stuffs are available for the present, but their prices continue to be high.

11. Except for small-pox in certain villages of the Maddagiri and Chiknayakanhalli Taluks, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" among cattle in the Tumkur Taluk and "Kari Roga" among sheep in the Maddagiri Taluk, are still prevailing. Owing to ragi and other crops having been harvested fodder is procurable in limited quantities in all the taluks, except in portions of the taluks of Tumkur, Tiptur and Kunigal and the Sub-Taluk of Turuvekere. Water scarcity is being felt in several villages of the Taluks of Tumkur, Gubbi, Tiptur, Pavagada and Kunigal and the Sub-Taluk of Turuvekere. It is reported that some cattle from the Tiptur Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk have been taken to distant places for grazing purposes.

MYSORE.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands in parts of the Gundlupet Taluk are being ploughed and made ready for sowing kar seeds.

Standing crops.—In the Mysore Taluk paddy, Bengal gram, sugar-cane, avare, togari, castor, horse gram, green gram, hutchellu, ragi, tadagani and black gram; In Chamrajnagar, ragi, sugar-cane, togari, avare, hutchellu, Bengal gram, paddy, cotton, mulberry, castor, black gram and green gram; in Krishnarajpete, horse gram, avare and togari; these as well as the dry crops in parts of the Nagamangala and Mandya Taluks are reported to be withering for want of rain. For want of water in the Sulekere and Kirgaval tanks in the Malvalli Taluk, crops under these tanks are also reported to be withering. Horse-gram in parts of the Hunsur Taluk is reported to have been damaged.

Crops harvested.—Paddy in parts of the Mysore, Hunsur, Yedatore, T.-Narsipur and Krishnarajpete Taluks; ragi in parts of the Chamrajnagar, Gundlupet, T.-Narsipur, Malvalli and Krishnarajpete Taluks. Horse-gram in parts of the Gundlupet, Nanjangud and T.-Narsipur Taluks; navane, haraka and samè in parts of the Malvalli Taluk; castor and hutchellu in parts of the Mysore Taluk; togari in parts of the Mysore, Hunsur and Nanjangud Taluks; green-gram in parts of the Mysore, Chamrajnagar and Nanjangud Taluks; and black-gram in parts of the Mysore and Chamrajnagar Taluks.

Estimated outturn of crops :—

Seringapatam Taluk—Paddy, yield from 12 to 14 annas; ragi yield 4 annas.

Hunsur—Paddy, yield 12 annas.

Krishnarajpete—Paddy, yield 12 annas.

Malvalli—Ragi, navane, haraka and samè, yield 8 annas each.

10. Prospects of the season indifferent in certain parts and not good in others. The standing crops are in urgent need of rain throughout the district. Food grains are now available with raiyats and merchants, but their prices are still high.

11. Except for plague in a few places in the district, public health generally good.

12. Cattle are suffering from "Dod Roga" in parts of the Mysore, Chamrajnagar, Yedatore, Heggaddevankote and Gundlupet Taluks, and from "Sappe Roga" in parts of the Yedatore and Malvalli Taluks. Fodder scarce in parts of the Krishnarajpete, Nagamangala and Mandya Taluks. It is diminishing in parts of the Nanjangud Taluk. In other parts, it is available for the present. It is reported that cattle from Nagamangala Mandya, Channarayapatna, Kankanhalli and Sravanabelagola are being brought to the Hunsur kavals for grazing. Water is available for the present in other parts. A large number of drinking water wells is being sanctioned wherever necessary.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Avare, castor, hurali, togari, haraka, etc., in the Channarayapatna and Arsikere Taluks are reported to be withering for want of rain. Black gram, castor, avare, etc., in the Hassan, Arkalgud, Hole-Narsipur and Belur Taluks urgently require rain.

Crops sown.—Bengal gram and ibbani jola in the Channarayapatna Taluk and Bengal gram in beds of tanks in which there is no water.

Crops harvested.—Paddy in the Hassan, Manjarabad, Belur, Channarayapatna, Arkalgud and Hole-Narsipur Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk; sugar-cane in the Channarayapatna Taluk; togari in the Hassan Taluk; and Dod ragi in parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks; these are being harvested.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair except in parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, parts of the Dodda-Kadnur Hobli of the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and parts of the Madihalli and Halebidu hoblis of the Belur Taluk, where they are not encouraging.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Hassan and Channarayapatna Taluks, public health generally good.

12. Cattle are generally in fair condition. But "Dod Roga" is still prevalent in parts of the Manjarabad, Arsikere and Arkalgud Taluks. Pasture and fodder are generally available. In parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, where grass is not sufficiently grown, dug-up grass and jola stalks are being used. It is reported that many cart-loads of ragi and paddy straw are being taken to Arsikere from the Hassan Taluk for being sold there. It is also reported that some people from the Kunigal and other maidan taluks have gone with 264 head of cattle for grazing purposes to the Manjarabad Taluk and that 265 head of cattle, in addition to the 1,156 head of cattle of the previous weeks, from the Arsikere, Channarayapatna, Tiptur, Kunigal and Tumkur Taluks have been brought during the week to the Belur Taluk, for grazing in the kavals there. Difficulty for water having been felt in parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, estimates for sinking wells in these taluks have been sanctioned.

SHIMOGA.

8. Markets are moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—*Viz.*, paddy, sugar-cane, Bengal-gram, togari, horse gram, avare, cotton and jola though in fair condition are yet in need of much rain.

Crops harvested.—Paddy in portions of the Shimoga, Honnali, Sagar, Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks and the Kumsi Sub-Taluk; ragi in the Shimoga and Channagiri Taluks; jola in the Channagiri and Honnali Taluks; koresane mustard, chillies, and navane in the Channagiri Taluk; save and horse-gram in the Honnali Taluk; and arecanut in the Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks; and the Kumsi Sub-Taluk; and sugar-cane is being milled in portions of the Shimoga, Channagiri and Sagar Taluks.

Probable outturn of crops—

Shimoga—Paddy, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Channagiri—Paddy, yield 8 annas.
Ragi, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Shikarpur—Paddy 8 annas.
Sugar-cane 8 annas.
Dry crops, 2 annas.
Sorab—Paddy 10 annas.
Ragi 2 annas.
Horse-gram 4 annas.
Jola 4 annas.
Sugar-cane 10 annas.
Arecanut 12 annas.
Sagar—Paddy, yield 8 annas.
Ragi do
Tirthahalli—Paddy, yield 8 annas.
Kumsi Sub-Taluk—Paddy, yield 14 annas
Horse-gram 8 annas.
Ragi 10 annas.

10. Prospects of the season are not as fair as in former years, owing to want of timely rains. Food stuffs are available in limited quantities and their prices are still rising.

11. Public health generally good. But plague continues still in the Kumsi Sub-Taluk.

12. Murrain prevails among cattle in portions of the Honnali, Sorab, Sagar and Nagar Taluks and the Kumsi Sub-Taluk. Water and fodder are available for the present. Their want is being felt in portions of the Shimoga Taluk. Several herds of cattle from portions of the Tumkur, Hassan and Chitaldrug Districts are being driven into the Shimoga and Channagiri Taluks for grazing purposes.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—

In Chikmagalur—Paddy, ragi, castor, avare, gingelly, kulthi, coriander, Bengal gram, sugar-cane, wheat, jola and coffee.

In Kadur—Paddy, ragi, jola, sugar-cane, avare, Bengal gram, chillies, wheat, kulthi, navane and savè.

In Tarikere—Paddy, ragi, kulthi, avare, jola, togari, navane, coriander, gingelly, sugar-cane, green gram and black gram.

In Koppa—Paddy, sugar-cane, areca, coffee and pepper.

In Mudgere—Paddy, ragi, cardamom, sugar-cane and coffee.

In Yedahalli—Paddy, sugar-cane, areca and coffee.

In Sringeri—Paddy and areca.

Standing wet and dry crops have been withering for want of rain. Avare and kulthi in Hirenallur hobli, castor in Kadur and Sakrepatna hoblis of the Kadur Taluk and ragi in parts of the Mudgere Taluk are reported to have been infested with "Kondli Hula."

Crops harvested and their yield.—

In Chikmagalur—Coffee, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Do Paddy do 4 to 12 „
Do Ragi do 2 to 4 „

In Kadur—Ragi, savè, paddy, sugar-cane and chillies, yield not given.

In Tarikere—Paddy, yield 8 annas.
Do Ragi, jola and chillies, yield from 4 to 6 annas.

In Koppa—Paddy, areca and coffee, yield 8 annas.

In Mudgere—Paddy and coffee, yield 8 annas.
Do Cardamom, yield 6 annas.

In Yedahalli—Paddy, yield from 4 to 6 annas.
Do —Areca, yield from 8 to 10 annas.

In Sringeri—Paddy and areca, yield 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Rain is very badly wanted throughout the district. Supply of food stuffs sufficient for the present, but their prices are very high.

11. Except for plague in certain villages of the Kadur and Tarikere Taluks, public health generally good.

12. Cattle are generally healthy. Water and fodder are available in the malnad; but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan parts of the district. In some parts of the Kadur Taluk, cattle are being fed on dried up standing crops and on date leaves.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops*, such as ragi, jola, Bengal gram, cotton, sugar-cane, castor, paddy, togari, horse gram, avare and tobacco are reported to be withering for want of rain, except those under *kapile* wells and channels which are in fairly good condition. Bili jola in the black cotton fields is withering for want of rain.

Crops sown.—Jola, wheat and Bengal gram under *kapile* wells and in tank-beds in the Chitaldrug and Challakere Taluks; and navane under wells in the Challakere Taluk.

Crops harvested and their yield.—Ragi and navane in the Chitaldrug, Challakere and Molakalmuru Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas; jola in the taluks of Chitaldrug and Holalkere and in the Harihar Sub-Taluk, yield from 2 to 8 annas; sajje in the Challakere and Molakalmuru Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas; horse gram in the Challakere and Holalkere Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas; samè in the Challakere Taluk and togari and navane in the Holalkere Taluk, yield from 2 to 8 annas; sugar-cane and paddy in the Chitaldrug and Holalkere Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas; and sugar-cane in the Chitaldrug Taluk, yield from 2 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Hosdurga, Hiriyur and Challakere Taluks. Food stuffs available.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of the Chitaldrug and Holalkere Taluks, where rinderpest prevails. Water and fodder available, except in parts of the Hiriyur, Challakere and Hosdurga Taluks.

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